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Filed : December 4, 2000 Examiner : David Vu  
For : Microelectronic Structure and Method of Fabricating It

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Washington, D.C. 20231

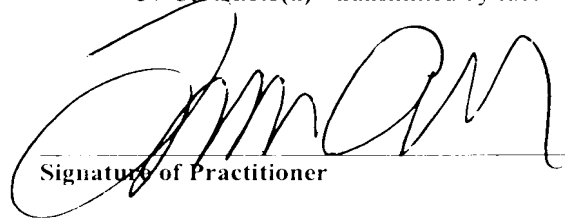
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

### TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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    - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

### SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 simultaneously filed herewith.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith are:
- ☒ An information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4)
  - ☒ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
  - ☐ New arguments
  - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
  - ☐ Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Large entity

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add. Fee	Or	Rate	Add. Fee
Total	8	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	1	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$140=	\$		-\$280=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

- (c)
- ☒
- No additional fee is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) No extension of time is necessary.

**TOTAL FEE DUE**

7. The total fee due is:

☒ Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))  
Total Fee Due

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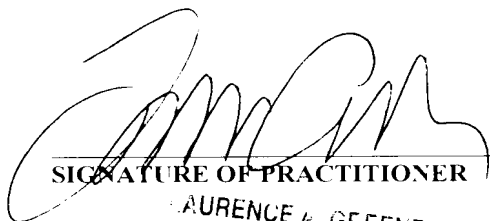
**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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